

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Travel has a positive effect on South Dakota and the nation's economic prosperity and image abroad, impacting business productivity and individual travelers' well-being; and,

Whereas, Travel to and within the United States provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than \$2.1 trillion in economic output in 2015 with \$947.1 billion spent directly by travelers; and,

Whereas, Travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the United States, supporting 15.1 million jobs in 2015, including 8.1 million directly in the travel industry and 6.9 million in other industries; and,

Whereas, Travelers' spending directly generated tax revenues of \$147.9 billion for federal, state, and local governments, while these funds are used to support essential services and programs; and,

Whereas, International travel to the United States is the nation's No.1 services export, and in 2015, travel generated \$216.9 billion in exports, creating a \$60.9 billion trade surplus for the United States; and,

Whereas, Meetings, events, and incentive travel are core business functions that help companies strengthen business performance, educate employees and customers, and reward business accomplishments—which in turn boosts the United States economy, and in 2015, domestic and international business travelers spent \$296.3 billion; and,

Whereas, Leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips taken in the United States, spurs countless benefits to travelers' health and wellness, creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity, and relationships; and,

Whereas, Travel is a pillar of economic growth, creating jobs at a faster rate than other sectors:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2017, as

NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State